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TOPIC Paramilitary Units in the Krakow Area

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1. WUBP District Headquarters:

In the former building of the German Secret State Police on Invalidow Square; commanded by Col Duda (believed to be a Soviet).

2. KBW troops: KBW units of one regiment were stationed in the city. The unit quarters were in the city center.

KBW units were still employed in 1947 to suppress the partisan movement. Partisan activities, however, had almost subsided by the time the PW was discharged.

The commitment for political and military action of KBW units was ordered by the WUBP District Headquarters.

3. Militia (MO) Headquarters of the Krakow district:

on Biskupia Street, MO offices and units were subordinate to the WUBP District Headquarters. The Militia performed technical police duty, such as traffic control, criminal matters and offenses against the civil law.

One militia company was always alerted.

4. WOP (Border Guard) Troops:

The WOP brigade Headquarters was in the suburb of Dabie. Col Fomy (possibly a Russian) was identified as commanding officer. Headquarters of units subordinate to the brigade (battalions?) were

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in Nowy sacz (R 50/Y 94), Nowy Targ (J 50/Y 53) and Zywiec (J 50/X 96). The battalion controlled border guard posts with a personnel of 40 to 50. The PW temporarily worked at the border guard posts in Muszynka (R 50/Z 21), Muszynka (R 50/Z 11) and Piwniczna (R 50/Y 92). The soldiers of the border posts were armed with soviet drum-magazine submachine guns, soviet light machine guns with disc-shaped magazines and soviet short carbines.

the border guard posts were interconnected by telephone. The battalions and the brigade were connected by radio. The battalions held in readiness movable radio sections which would be detached to the border guard posts if needed. The radio sections were equipped with old soviet radio trucks.

Polish WP soldiers said that the Polish western border was occupied 75 percent more strongly than the Polish border along Czechoslovakia. They stated that Polish border guard troops had executive power in a 10-mile zone along the border.

5. Military unit: The quarters of the Polish 16th Inf Regt were on Mazowiecka Street. Personnel of the 1927 and 1928 classes were in active service and personnel of the 1926 class had been discharged by the time the reporting PW was sent home.

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Comment:

In general, the statements seem to be correct.

a. The WUPP (Wojewodzki Urzad Bezpieczenstwa Publicznego: Provincial Office of Public Security) is superior to all personnel of the Militia (MD), the Security police (UB) and the Citizens Militia's volunteer Reserve (ORMD) in the Krakow voivode District.

b. The headquarters of a KBW (Corps of Internal Security) brigade, probably the 5th Brig, is assumed to be in Krakow.

c. The mentioned WOP (Border Guard) brigade headquarters has been repeatedly confirmed. There are also reliable reports that WOP units subordinate to the Krakow brigade headquarters are in Nowy sacz and Nowy Targ. In Zywiec, however, a previous report mentioned only a KBW unit. [redacted] may have mistaken a WOP unit for a KBW unit.

d. The information on the 16th Inf Regt and its personnel was confirmed [redacted].

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